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HAIG'S DIRECT THRUST IS THE MOST TELLING

But French on the Aisne Front and the Americans on the South Line Are Contributing Heavily Toward Deliverance of French Territory

(By the Associated Press.)

Vigorously pressing the advantage gained by the breaking of the German line between Cambrai and St. Quentin, the British, French and American armies have widened the great wedge in this area to such an extent that the entire German front from Rheims northward seems to be collapsing.

The disintegration of this line is being hastened by vigorous strokes delivered by the French along the Aisne, while farther east the German left flank in the active battle area is being hammered hard by other French forces and the American first army, in the Champagne, Argonne and Verdun regions.

Most telling in its immediate effect is the thrust by Field Marshal Haig south-east of Cambrai, where American troops also are operating. The British commander has swung the main direction of his drive northeastward and already has pushed to within two miles of the important railway junction of Le Cateau. The taking of Le Cateau, which seems imminent, will cut the last of the lateral railway lines connecting the German northern front with the great salient of Laon and apparently will make inevitable the evacuation of the entire Laon area.

Before Le Cateau the British are on a line fully ten miles in advance of the longitudinal line running between Cambrai and St. Quentin, having swept through the great part of this area in great strides before a disorganized enemy. The resistance of the Germans was reported to be stiffening during the night, however, indicating that a stand might be made in an effort to save the railway junction as long as possible from capture.

Meanwhile, farther south, the French are pushing toward the Oise in the general direction of Guise. They have made particularly notable progress to the east and southeast of St. Quentin, where they are closely approaching the river. Their columns have passed Fontaine-Notre-Dame, nearly six miles directly east of St. Quentin. This push is likewise having a marked effect in closing the Laon pocket.

In the north the wedge driven from Cambrai east is affecting the front north of Lens. The British first army is advancing in the direction of Douai, which seems the next great town along this section marked for capture.

The American first army under General Pershing is not being outdone by the other allied forces in the delivery of hard blows upon the trembling German defensive system. The thrust east of the Meuse in the Verdun area is being followed up by further attacks which have resulted in the advance of the line here well up toward that won by the offensive west of the river.

In the Argonne, where a junction has been effected with the French at Luncheon, thus virtually clearing the forest of Germans, new attacks were launched this morning. All the recent gains of Pershing's men have been held, despite the throwing in of German reserves.

GRAPHIC DESCRIPTION OF GREAT VICTORY

After British and Americans Had Broken Through, Cavalry and Whippet Tanks Poured into Open Country, Soon Followed by Artillery—Infantry Advanced in Perfect Formation.

With the British army on the Cambrai-St. Quentin front, Wednesday, Oct. 9 (by the Associated Press).—By last night the British and Americans had reached a point where it was certain that the German lines could be cracked.

The third and fourth armies again attacked this morning south of the front held by the French. Simultaneously Canadian and English troops launched a powerful attack extending several miles north from Cambrai.

The Canadians swept on after annihilating the Germans, who tried to check them. Together with the English, they then proceeded eastward, capturing a series of German machine guns.

Canadian and English troops met the counter-attack from both north and south and quickly mopped up. Many Germans have escaped, but many prisoners were taken there. Some of the enemy troops are in deep cellars two stories underground and in the tunnels the Germans dug during their occupation of the city. These are being routed out and sent back to the cages.

Although many fires were started by the Germans, the town was found not to be badly damaged as had been feared.

South of the city, the third and fourth armies rapidly overcame enemy opposition. The Germans started fleeing soon

FRENCH ON HEELS OF FLEEING FOE

Have Passed Fontaine Notre Dame and Beaufort in the Region East of St. Quentin.

Paris, Oct. 10.—French troops last night continued the pursuit of the Germans in the region east of St. Quentin, the war office announced today. They have passed Fontaine Notre Dame and Beaufort.

In fighting north of the Aisne, French pressure resulted in wresting the plateau de Croix-aux-Bois from the Germans, while farther east a crossing of the Aisne canal was effected in the region of Villers-en-Prayeres.

Attacking vigorously in the Champagne the French captured Liry, two miles west of Monthois.

WITHIN TWO MILES OF LE CATEAU

British and Americans Continued Their Gains During Last Night.

London, Oct. 10.—The attack of the Anglo-American forces in the breach between St. Quentin and Cambrai resulted yesterday evening in continued advances, according to Field Marshal Haig's report today. The British now are within two miles of Le Cateau.

Sallaumines and Noyelles have been captured. Further progress was made by the British last night towards the northern part of the present battle front, to the east of Cambrai. Fighting continues southeast of Cambrai, on both sides of Cauchy.

Between Lens and the Scarpe, the British also are advancing and are in touch with the Germans to the west of the line of Viry-en-Artois, Azel-les-Eperchin and Rouvray.

SERBIANS CHASING AUSTRIANS NORTHWARD

Have Entered Leskovats, 22 Miles South of Nish, Says an Official Statement.

London, Oct. 10.—Serbian troops, pursuing the defeated ninth Austrian division, on Monday entered Leskovats, 22 miles south of Nish, and Vlatosna, according to an official Serbian statement issued today. The Serbians took several hundred prisoners and captured a large quantity of materials.

DOUAI IS BURNING.

Germans Claim It Was Due to British Bombardment.

London, Oct. 10.—Indications that Germany is becoming anxious in consequence of the threats of reprisals for the destruction of towns in France are afforded by a telegram from the semi-official Wolff bureau, received in Stockholm, saying that Douai was burning as the result of the continuous British bombardment.

The report that the Germans had set fire to a town they still were occupying was characterized by the agency as ridiculous.

The Germans, according to a Reuter dispatch from Stockholm, also deny having fired Roulers, Thourout and Lychtervelde.

GERMANY WILL REPLY.

But Is Waiting to Get Exact Text of Wilson's Note.

Basel, Oct. 10.—An authentic text of President Wilson's reply to Prince Maximilian's note has not yet been received by the German government, according to a dispatch from Berlin. Proper examination of the reply cannot be made until the official text is received, but, in any case, it is plain that a further declaration by the German government will be necessary.

NEW PRUSSIAN WAR MINISTER.

Major General Scheuch Has Succeeded Von Stein.

Copenhagen, Oct. 10.—According to a semi-official report from Berlin the resignation of General Von Stein as Prussian war minister has been accepted. Major General Scheuch, it is said, has been appointed his successor.

RUMANIA UNEASY.

Wants a New Solution of the Dobruja Question.

Amsterdam, Oct. 10.—Rumania is said to have expressed a wish to initiate negotiations "for a new solution of the Dobruja question," according to the Vienna Neue Freie Presse, as quoted by the Cologne Gazette.

MONTPELIER

Word of the death of Frank Seguin, a cousin of E. T. Seguin, was received here this morning. He had been living in Berlin, N. H., and had been ill with the prevailing malady. In that town conditions are very bad, because of the lack of help to care for the people.

The funeral of Mildred Chandler, the 12-year-old daughter of Clarence Chandler, occurred from her late home in Worcester Wednesday afternoon.

The condition of Ernest Dillon was critical this noon, and the physician gave his family no encouragement.

The condition of Raymond Cullen, who has been very low, appeared to be improving this morning.

Benjamin London has received word that his brother, Jacob London, a wireless operator, was drowned when his ship collided with another far out at sea recently.

Mrs. David Anderson, formerly of this city, who went to Quincy, Mass., with her husband and son last summer, died there. She was taken sick after having come to Montpelier to attend the funeral of Carl Anderson a short time ago.

VAST AIR FORCE MADE ATTACK

350 American Machines Attack German Cantonments

BESIDES WIPING OUT 12 PLANES OF FOE

Only One of Our Machines Failed to Return to Airdrome

With the American Forces Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 10, 12:30 p. m. (by the Associated Press).—An American bombing expedition consisting of more than 350 machines yesterday dropped 32 tons of explosives on German cantonments in the area between Varenville and Damvillers, about 12 miles north of Verdun.

The American bombing exploit marks one of the high spots in the air fleet operations of the war; in the expedition were more than 200 bombing airplanes, 100 pursuit machines, and 50 triplanes.

Splendid protection during the aerial battle which took place during the operation. Twelve of our machines were destroyed. Only one entente plane failed to return.

In addition American airplanes yesterday destroyed or brought down five German machines and one balloon. They also took a great number of photographs and dropped newspapers to the American troops.

LARGE AMERICAN STEAMER SUNK

Many of the Crew Are Thought to Have Been Lost—Twenty Survivors Were Brought to an American Port.

An Atlantic Port, Oct. 10.—News of the sinking by a submarine of a large American steamship, with the probable loss of many of her crew, was brought here today by a British freighter. The British ship had aboard 20 survivors of the American vessel.

The American steamship, said to have carried a large crew, was shelled and then torpedoed, according to officers of the rescue ship. The attack was made five days ago.

NATIONAL AUTONOMY.

For Austria-Hungary Is Said to Be Decided On.

London, Oct. 10.—It is reported from Vienna that the Austro-Hungarian ministerial council has decided to introduce national autonomy "in order to make President Wilson's stipulation an accomplished fact," says an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen today.

The Czech party did not take part in the deliberations, the advices add. It is holding an important meeting today.

A movement favoring a proclamation separating Hungary and Austria is making extremely rapid progress among the public in the dual monarchy, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Zurich.

PERRY-HATCH.

Marriage Took Place at Bride's Home in Burlington.

Waterbury, Oct. 10.—Miss Florence Ella Hatch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles I. Hatch of Burlington, and Bertel T. Perry of Waterbury, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. B. Perry, were united in marriage at the bride's home on Greene street in Burlington last evening.

W. L. Holcomb of this village officiating. The bride wore white crepe and carried a shower bouquet of roses. She was attended by a college friend, Miss Margaret Whittier of Rochester, N. Y., and she was given by her father, Alvin Perry. The ribbon girls were also college friends of the bride, being Margaret Bacon of Boston and Sally Stotes of Burlington. The wedding march was played by Miss Pauline Ayers of Waterbury.

Both the bride and groom were brought up in Waterbury and both were graduated from Waterbury high school after which Mrs. Perry went to Smith college and Mr. Perry to Rensselaer Polytechnic institute at Troy, N. Y. He is at present chief chemist for the American Locomotive Co. at Schenectady, N. Y., and there they will make their home.

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VIRGIL POMBRIO.

He Is the Fourth in One Family to Become Victim.

Fourth in his family to succumb during the epidemic, Virgil Pombrio of 135 North Seminary street died at the City hospital this forenoon, after an illness of two weeks. The deceased was 17 years old and a native of Barre, having lately attended the city schools. His father, David Pombrio, and his mother have died in the past week, the first death in the family being that of his older brother. Three brothers and three sisters survive.

STILL SERIOUS AT WATERBURY.

Quite a Number of New Cases Have Been Reported.

Waterbury, Oct. 10.—Quite a number of new cases of influenza have been reported, and the situation is considered as still serious.

ATTACK BEGUN BY AMERICANS

Pershing's Infantry Went Into Action on Left of Argonne Front

AFTER BOMBARDMENT LASTING ALL NIGHT

Germans Are Throwing In Reserves to Protect Left Flank

With the American Forces Northwest of Verdun, Oct. 10 (noon) (by the Associated Press).—General Pershing's infantry today again went into action on the left wing of the Argonne forest front, after a violent artillery bombardment lasting all night.

The Germans are throwing in reserves on their left flank which now has been exposed in the Argonne pocket. The enemy is endeavoring also to withdraw his troops at other points, so as to restore the line.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 10.—Penetration of the German main line of resistance west of the Meuse by the American, against fresh enemy divisions, is reported in General Pershing's communique for Wednesday.

East of the Meuse further gains were made during the day, in spite of violent counter-attacks, while in the Argonne forest the American forces captured important heights south of Marcq and joined with the French at Luncheon. More than 2,000 additional prisoners are reported.

The communique follows: "East of the Meuse our troops maintained their yesterday's advance in spite of violent and repeated counter-attacks and progressed to the southern outskirts of Sivry and into the Bois de Chaume."

West of the Meuse, against freshly engaged divisions, we have penetrated the enemy's main line of resistance between Cune and Romagne-Sous-Montfaucon. In the Argonne forest we have taken important heights south of Marcq and have joined hands with the French at Luncheon. "Over 2,000 additional prisoners have been taken."

THIRTY PER CENT SUBSCRIBED.

Fourth Loan Slightly Under the Third Loan at Similar Time.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 10.—In answer to the insistent question, how is the fourth Liberty loan really going, a comparison today of records during this campaign with those of the third loan showed these facts:

The fourth campaign of three weeks is half gone, and \$1,791,463,200 in subscriptions, or 30 per cent of the six billions sought have been reported. When the third campaign was half over, \$1,371,000,000, 33 per cent of the total finally reached, had been subscribed. This record in the third loan drive, \$420,000,000 less than at the corresponding stage of the present drive, was achieved in two weeks, as compared with ten days which have passed in the current campaign.

These facts seem to show that progress in the fourth loan is comparable to that of the third, which was highly successful. Treasury officials point out, however, that the six billion dollar credit which the people now are trying to accumulate for the government's use is twice as large as that sought in the third campaign and is nearly 50 per cent greater than the \$4,170,000,000 actually subscribed in the third loan.

In the present campaign, a larger inflow of subscriptions from big business interests and individuals of wealth is expected. To a large extent, however, these already have been entered, and are included in the current totals.

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TEN NEW CASES AND EIGHT DEATHS

The List of the Former Is the Smallest Since the Influenza Epidemic Came Upon Barre.

Ten new cases, probably the smallest day's total since the epidemic developed late in September, were reported to the board of health this afternoon. Death toll of eight persons. The death list is the same as yesterday, and in comparison with the aggregates reported on every other day since Oct. 1 is small. Altogether, conditions are very encouraging. The number of recoveries each day greatly exceeds the combined total of deaths and new cases.

The condition is encouraging, yet very real peril impends if the number of volunteer nurses does not greatly increase to-day and to-morrow. Tired nurses are desperately in need of rest and cover and above that need is a checking of the epidemic has filled up with the false assurance that the danger is over. According to the doctors, nothing could be farther from the truth. Unless there are material accessions to the ranks of volunteer nurses, the death lists each day are bound to lengthen and the strenuous work of the past 10 days will be undone. Volunteer nurses are needed in the hospital. They are needed in the homes, and if those who are able to volunteer do not respond, the situation will very speedily revert to its former grave status. Now is the accepted time for offering services that are sadly needed in dozens of Barre homes and at the hospital.

People who have automobiles can perform a distinct public service by relieving car owners who have been abroad day and night for more than a week. Others who are able to leave their own homes, homes that fortunately may be free of sickness, are badly needed on the "front line." A work of humanity awaits them, and if there is hesitation the day may be lost. This appeal is made in the sincere and earnest hope that before nightfall many more may volunteer. Those who realize the great need of immediate assistance are urged to enroll. Notice of a decision to assist in the work may be forwarded to the city clerk's office.

To-day there were many in such a condition that possibly their very lives depend upon capable doctoring and constant care. The doctors have the situation, apparently, very well in hand. They are less handicapped by new cases, and if the desired number of assistants could be secured, it seems certain that the pestilence may be eradicated in a short course of time.

Additions to the death list were made to-day as follows: Paul Galli of 15 Ladd street; Miss Shirley H. Bradford of 108 South Main street; William H. Cole of 42 Liberty street; Giacinto Polti of 30 Davis street; Virgil Pombrio of 135 North Seminary street; Germinio Zechinelli of 73 Sumner street; Miss Barbara McDonald of 23 Bassett street; William Morgan of 30 Maple avenue.

PAUL GALLI.

Paul Galli of 15 Ladd street died on Wednesday afternoon, after following an illness of a week. He is survived by his wife, who was formerly Miss Rock, and by two children. His sister, Mrs. John W. Pilon of Lawrence avenue, whose death occurred early in the week, was interred yesterday. A second sister is Mrs. Charles Monti of Barre, and another sister and the deceased father live in Italy. The following brothers survive: Frank, James and Douglas of Barre, Elia Galli of Toledo, O., Private Joseph Galli, who is on a furlough at his home in Buffalo, N. Y., Private John Galli of Camp Dix, and Caesar Galli of Ellyria, O. The deceased was 34 years old and a native of Italy. He came to Barre 18 years ago and had been employed continuously by the Presbury-Coykendall Co. Mr. Galli was an expert granitecutter.

WILLIAM H. COLE.

Resident of Liberty Street Had Been Ill a Week.

The death of William H. Cole occurred at his home, 42 Liberty street, this morning at 12:10 o'clock. He was a granitecutter by trade, but had been otherwise occupied in recent months. A week ago a severe cold developed symptoms which the people now are trying to accumulate for the government's use is twice as large as that sought in the third campaign and is nearly 50 per cent greater than the \$4,170,000 actually subscribed in the third loan.

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TWO OFFICERS DIED IN FIRE

And Six Others Were Injured at U. S. Hospital, Colonia, N. J.

CAUSE OF FIRE IS NOT KNOWN

Hospital Was Only Recently Completed—Main Building Saved

Rahway, N. J., Oct. 10.—Two army officers were burned to death and six others were burned or injured in a fire early to-day in the officers' quarters of the United States Army general hospital No. 3, at Colonia, four miles from here. The dead officers were Captain Fred P. Cole, army medical corps, of Portsmouth, N. H., and Captain Warren T. Walker, army quartermaster department, Syracuse, N. Y.

The names of the men burned or injured, all lieutenants, were withheld by the authorities, who said they probably would recover. They were reported to be Lieutenants Walsh, Frazer, Schilling, son, Schamanski and Spiegel.

The hospital authorities said the cause of the fire was unknown. The building in which it occurred is a one-story frame structure, located about one hundred feet from the main hospital. It was built to accommodate sixty patients, and at the time of the fire had twenty-five occupants.

The fire was quickly extinguished by the hospital fire fighting forces. The majority of the patients in the main hospital did not know of the fire until it was over.

The hospital, built for war emergency, was recently completed and is especially equipped for the treatment of fractures and bone cases. It is designed to accommodate 2,500 patients.

MISS SHIRLEY H. BRADFORD.

Esteemed Young Woman of Barre Died Last Evening.

Miss Shirley H. Bradford passed away at her home, 108 South Main street, Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock, the end following a week's illness. She leaves her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bradford, three sisters, Mrs. Meridian Luther and Miss Gladys Bradford of Barre, and Mr. Harold Mather of Gloverville, N. Y., and her brother, Charles M. Bradford of this city.

The deceased was born Shirley Harriet Bradford in Barre, Vt., 1888, after graduating from Spaulding high school in 1907, she pursued a course in the Bryant & Stratton business college in Boston. For the past seven years she had been an efficient clerk and stenographer in the office of the Barre & Chelsea railroad. Miss Bradford was a young woman of rare personality and her estimable qualities of mind and heart were richly bestowed upon her friends. She was an earnest and untiring worker in the Barre Red Cross society and even during the illness of her mother she applied herself unsparingly to its behalf. To many who knew her intimately there is a distinct personal touch of grief in the knowledge of her untimely death.

It is expected that the funeral will be held Saturday, although the hour is to be announced later. The family requests that flowers be omitted.

GERMINIO ZECHINELLI.

He Had Been Resident of Barre Nearly 17 Years.